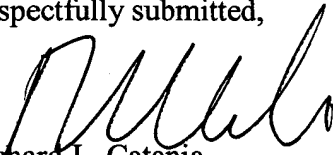


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"**.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance and Applicants henceforth respectfully solicit such allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at: (516) 742-4343.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS

The following are marked up versions of the amended claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A system for distributing music to customer households comprising:

a data transmission system blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to customer households in digital form;

a user station at each of a plurality of customer households, the user station including;

means for [permitting the] said customer household [to preselect] preselection of desired transmitted music selections for recording;

means for said system preselection of desired transmitted music selections for recording;

a receiver and associated high capacity storage medium for recording preselected music selections in digital form;

an audio output for outputting audio signals from the storage medium to a playback device so that the customer household may playback those recorded music selections it wishes to enjoy;

a central controller system having a database for storing therein an address corresponding to each customer household;

a communications link between each customer household and the central controller system to verify to the controller system when a preselected music selection has been made available for playback; and

a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill customer households for music selections that are made available for playback.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method of distributing music to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitting a plurality of music selections to customer households by direct broadcast satellite (DBS) at data transmission rates faster than real time;

providing each customer household with information identifying available music selections that will be transmitted;

permitting said each customer household to preselect and record desired music selections on a high capacity storage medium;

permitting said each customer household to playback recorded music selections;

communicating music playback information from said each customer household to a central controller system; and

billing said customer households for the recorded music selections that are made available for playback.